

REPORT TO CITIZENS

Message to Our Citizens

On behalf of the Administration, I am pleased to present this 2009 Report to Citizens.

When I reflect on what was accomplished in 2009, I am very proud of the work we do as a City to serve our citizens. Internally, the City of Saskatoon has been going through a corporate-wide transformation so that we can become more efficient in delivering vital public services to our taxpayers. We are undertaking this work with a focus on improving our services, increasing our savings, and growing our city in a sustainable way. When we reviewed our efforts and reported on our achievements, we found that we realized savings of approximately \$65 million in 2009. This could not have been accomplished without the commitment of the City of Saskatoon's dedicated employees.

As we move forward, we will be continuously revising our operations to ensure we are responsive and adaptive to the changing needs of our organization and the citizens we serve. In 2010, for example, the City of Saskatoon is implementing a new

budget process, a new corporate planning process, and preparing a new long term strategic plan.

But what I am most excited about is the fact that we will be engaging our citizens in a community visioning exercise this fall that will help to capture the ideas our citizens have for Saskatoon's long-term future. This process will help to guide the City of Saskatoon in making strategic planning and investment decisions over the next 50 years.

It has been my honour and privilege to have guided the City of Saskatoon in 2009, my first year as City Manager. 2010 has been equally satisfying, as we explore the tremendous opportunities that await both the corporation and the community.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Totland'.

Murray Totland, P.Eng., MBA
City Manager

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Saskatoon's Water Centre Spread

Core Strategy: Service Delivery

Optimize the effective and efficient delivery of services.

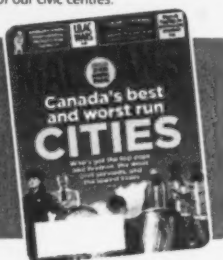
The life and usefulness of existing civic facilities can be enhanced through creative adaptive re-use like the new play apparatus and a new wellness facility model at the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre (HBAC). These initiatives will allow HBAC to develop new markets that will improve the bottom line of the facility while providing healthy options for Saskatoon residents. The City is also exploring viable business plans to expand Gordon Howe Bowl to more of an event facility from a rental facility.



New play apparatus at the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre

The 2009 capital budget included \$260,000 for Accessibility Action Plan projects, including replacing some accessible ramps, installing audible pedestrian traffic signals, formalizing service level guidelines for sidewalks and conducting a sidewalk condition audit and rating, creating a comprehensive accessibility building design standards document, and conducting facility assessment audits of our civic centres.

In September 2009, Saskatoon was named Canada's second best run city by Maclean's magazine



Core Strategy: Aboriginal Partnerships

Build on the strength of our existing relationships with Aboriginal communities.

The City's Housing Business Plan funded a number of First Nations Affordable Housing Projects in 2009. In addition, with support from the Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Tribal Council, the City funded pre-employment training programs and filled positions with Aboriginal applicants.

In 2009, many civic-supported programs and initiatives focused on increasing wellness amongst Aboriginal people, including fitness and play leadership training and certification, Aboriginal Lifeguard Program, Urban Aboriginal Community Grant Program, "Opening the Doors to Volunteering" workshops, and Atoské Summer Camp. Atoské Summer Camp provided skills training and an introduction to career opportunities with the City for youth from the seven member bands of the Saskatoon Tribal Council.

Core Strategy: Economic Development

Create an environment that encourages economic development.

River Landing – Phase I

A \$26 million investment from the federal and provincial governments announced in September 2009 will advance the plans for a Destination Centre at River Landing. Once complete, the Destination Centre will include the Art Gallery of Saskatchewan, complete with restaurant, gift shop, reception and information kiosk, a public gathering space and winter haven for River Landing visitors, an underground parking garage, and an expansion to the existing Persephone Theatre. In 2010, a functional plan program will be completed and the architectural design team will be selected.

The City's Sales Agreement with Lake Placid Developments for Parcel "Y" and the adjacent lane for the River Landing Village Project expired when Lake Placid could not meet the final payment deadline in 2009. (Note: since that time, City Council approved the sale of land to Lake Placid Developments (Saskatchewan Inc.) in June 2010.)

Beautiful new details were unveiled in 2009, including a new decorative arch and paving that features both actual stonework and design inspiration from the Gathercole Building which once stood at the site. Just north of Persephone Theatre is Tibor Plaza, a seating and recreation area named after Persephone's long-serving artistic director, Tibor Ferehegyhazi.

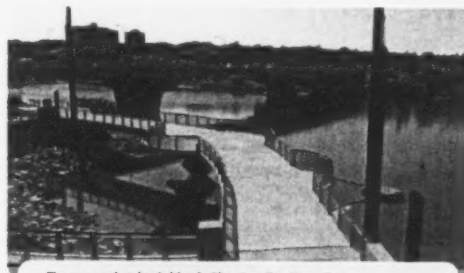


The Gathercole Arch welcomes visitors to River Landing from 2nd Avenue. A second arch will be built across the street in 2010.

Further enhancements for enjoying River Landing scheduled in 2010 are a decorative fire vessel, which will make gathering year-round more cozy, as well as construction on the river tributary that passes under the pedestrian bridge.

Phase II

The Riverfront Promenade opened August 21, 2009, connecting River Landing with Victoria Park. Scheduled to open in 2010, is the pedestrian connection to the riverfront from Avenues B and C and Spadina Crescent.



The new pedestrian bridge in River Landing Phase II

In October 2009, Saskatoon was named Canada's most business-friendly city by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

City Centre Plan

Administration is seizing the opportunity to look at all aspects of our city's centre – streetscaping and traffic flow, new housing, new transit and library facilities, amenities for pedestrians and cyclists, and the development of public spaces such as a new Civic Plaza. Public consultation and community engagement, examining how we use our downtown – and how we could use it – will inform fundamental changes for central Saskatoon. With stewardship and good planning, Saskatoon's centre will be the focus of a city which is lively, attractive, safe, sustainable, and healthy.

The design and construction of the 25th Street expansion has been delayed pending an agreement with the railways. The anticipated completion is in 2011/2012.

A call for proposals was issued in 2009 for the development of the Arthur Cook building (which housed City Purchasing Services), and a plan to explore options for City Yards is to be prepared in fall 2010.

Core Strategy: Multicultural Cooperation

Recognize the cultural diversity of our community and support growth through immigration.

As part of the City's ongoing action plan on immigration, the focus in 2009 was on easing the transition for newcomers to ensure they have the information they need to participate in and take advantage of civic services and processes. The City held voter information sessions for newcomers in advance of the 2009 civic election, as well as information and awareness sessions on civic programs and services.



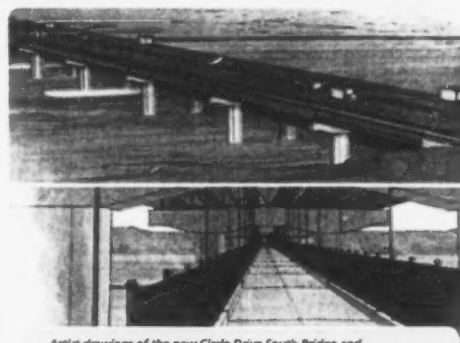
Some materials to help newcomers understand the voting process

Community-based sector forums on immigration, including sessions for community associations to learn how best to invite and engage newcomers, were held in 2009. A multicultural playground program piloted in the Meadowgreen neighbourhood sought to bring children from that community's diverse population together.

Core Strategy: Infrastructure Management

Build, maintain, and operate the City's infrastructure in a manner that maximizes current infrastructure, fosters growth, and is fiscally sustainable.

The \$300 million Circle Drive South Project is more than just the new south bridge. With seven kilometres of freeway, five new interchanges, and pedestrian and cyclist facilities, it is the largest project in Saskatoon's history. The City is sharing the cost with the provincial and federal governments. Both commuters and goods will travel through the city more quickly, significantly reducing congestion in the city's core and connecting the southwest and east sides of the city. Final plans were finished and preliminary tenders were issued in 2009, with the awarding of the Design Build contract in spring 2010 (the design/build process is where the contractor designs and builds the project). Completion is scheduled for October 2012.



Artist drawings of the new Circle Drive South Bridge and pedestrian walkway

The Rotary Park Lift Station, scheduled for completion in fall 2010, will replace the 60 year-old Powerhouse Lift Station that can no longer handle the demand of wastewater from south-central neighbourhoods.

Core Strategy: Employee Relations

Encourage and support employees to achieve corporate objectives by reaching their full potential.

The Corporate Safety Management System (CSMS) currently under development is divided into four key areas: people; process; technology; and strategy. Department Health and Safety Superintendents worked to improve accident/incident investigation, work observations and inspections, as well as development and revision of Occupational Health and Safety policies and procedures. By analyzing the root cause of incidents, staff will be better able to prevent injuries and equipment breakdowns.

Ensuring that all employees' contributions are valued and respected is a high priority. "Excellence Within Us" is an initiative aimed at creating a more constructive and positive work environment. By working together as a team, we will be more creative, innovative, and will set the bar high for efficient municipal government. In 2009, the majority of civic employees attended the four-day training sessions, with the remainder to attend in 2010.

Core Strategy: Customer Service

Customers come first - provide responsive and flexible customer service.

The City continued to examine options for using parking meters, with a focus on expanding the cell phone payment system. The pay-by-space technologies to be tested in 2010 should enhance flexibility for customers.

A new Leisure Access Program that provides Leisure Cards to refugees has proven to be successful, but there are difficulties in expanding the program to a broader segment of low-income and transient populations. One way to address this is to work with agencies who already serve these populations.

In 2009, the City launched some new online services including: an online business directory; eBill; and My Utility Account (which gives utility customers the option of receiving their bill electronically and to access their account history and utility consumption data online). Services to be accessed online in 2010 are: building information abstracts; property information disclosures; subdivision applications; building permits; and business licenses.

Major findings of the 2009 Civic Services Survey:

91%

of residents rate the quality of life in Saskatoon as good to very good (up from 90% in 2008)

82%

of residents believe that the programs and services they receive from the City of Saskatoon provide good or very good value for municipal tax dollars (decrease from 87% in 2008)

90%

of residents are satisfied or very satisfied with the overall level of services provided by the City of Saskatoon (up from 88% in 2008)

Core Strategy: Fiscal Responsibility

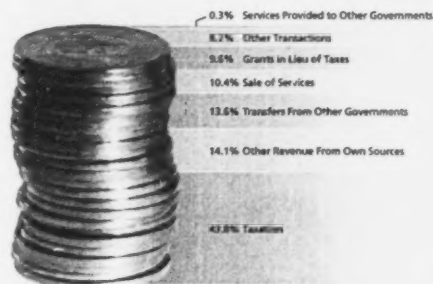
Manage the collection, stewardship, and allocation of public funds in the delivery of municipal services in a fiscally responsible way.

The 2009 Operating Budget was approved at a 2.87% mill rate increase, which was below the national rate of inflation of 3.9%. In December 2009, the City realized an operating surplus of \$3.66 million.

A "pay as you go" philosophy is maintained in the Capital Budget where dedicated reserves are established and used for major investments. It is on rare occasions these reserves are allowed to go into a deficit position, and only to take advantage of government funding and advance the timing of capital projects, and not at the risk of placing the City's cash flow in a vulnerable position.

A consistent Standard and Poor's AAA credit rating (received again in 2009) ensures that the City of Saskatoon can borrow for capital projects at a better rate than jurisdictions with lower ratings.

Where the Money to Run the City Comes From



Where Your Municipal Tax Dollars are Spent



2009 Distribution of Property Taxes



Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures

For the Year Ended December 31, 2009 (in thousands of dollars)

	2008	2009	2009 Budget (Unaudited)
Revenues			
Taxation	\$ 115,195	\$ 121,990	\$ 122,119
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	25,017	26,651	27,314
Services Provided to Other Governments	870	848	848
Sale of Services	27,168	28,989	31,220
Other Revenues from Own Sources	38,422	39,408	38,357
Transfers from Other Governments	25,802	37,816	37,000
Other Transactions	21,569	22,782	23,241
Total Revenues for the Year	254,043	278,484	280,099
Expenditures			
General Government	32,209	31,250	33,014
Protection of Persons and Property	95,430	101,722	102,662
Transportation	54,838	59,082	58,293
Environmental Health	8,959	9,607	9,476
Social and Family Services	2,137	2,252	2,310
Planning and Development	17,280	18,212	18,872
Land Management	3,181	2,855	5,225
Recreation and Culture	33,658	37,702	38,120
Debt Servicing Costs	7,593	12,147	12,127
Total Expenditures for the Year	255,285	274,829	280,099
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,242)	\$ 3,655	\$ -

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2009 (in thousands of dollars)

	2008	2009
Financial Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$76,420	\$112,597
Taxes Receivable	7,263	7,239
Accounts Receivable and User Charges	106,870	86,421
Loan Receivable	5,912	5,514
Land Inventory for Resale	41,531	72,572
Other Assets	5,167	4,841
Investments	150,554	255,110
Accrued Pension Asset	63,799	45,379
Total Financial Assets	457,516	589,673
Financial Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	103,900	87,375
Deferred Revenue	70,865	167,600
Long Term Liabilities	89,144	115,341
Employee Benefits Payable	21,419	25,576
Total Financial Liabilities	285,328	395,892
Total Net Financial Assets	172,188	193,781
Non Financial Assets		
Prepaid Expenditures	2,630	2,633
Tangible Capital Assets	1,990,676	2,116,014
Inventory of Materials and Supplies	9,586	10,124
Total Non Financial Assets	2,002,892	2,128,771
Accumulated Surplus	\$ 2,175,080	\$ 2,322,552

Core Strategy: Environmental Commitment

Exercise responsible, progressive environmental management in the provision of all civic services.

Effective Waste Management

The City has begun planning and feasibility studies on a city-wide compost program. In addition, the City's two compost depots now accept non-elm branches. Once chipped, these branches provide a vital carbon source for the composting process. The volume of material composted at these depots has increased exponentially in the last three years: from 3,027 metric tonnes in 2007, to 4,261 in 2008, and 17,500 in 2009.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program now operates 16 Saturdays per year, and provides safe recycling/disposal options for a wider range of hazardous materials.

Many neighbourhoods were converted from shared to individual waste containers. The conversions were not without logistical and operational challenges, but Administration worked with the neighbourhoods to determine whether bins would be placed in the rear lane or front street. Individual household needs continue to be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.

Water Stewardship

A new river water intake pumphouse will ensure that all raw water intake occurs upstream from where storm water discharges, and in addition, it will increase water capacity and improve reliability. Construction of the pumphouse and access roads on the east side of the river across from the Queen Elizabeth Power Station began in 2009 and is scheduled for completion in June 2011.



Dams in the river keep water out during construction of the new water intake

Long-term planning is critical to ensure a safe and adequate water supply for the population that respects environmental stewardship and conservation of the South Saskatchewan River. In 2009, the City of Saskatoon looked at how we get, treat, use, and conserve our water, and examined the existing infrastructure to assess both capacity and life expectancy.

Getting Around

A Cycling Advisory Group made up of cyclists of different abilities and from different areas of the city was created to obtain feedback on cycling initiatives. The Downtown Cycling Plan, implemented in summer 2009, included painting "sharrows" that indicate shared-use lanes on selected downtown streets and public education strategies for drivers and cyclists. Designs are underway for various cycling facilities, including 33rd Street between Spadina Crescent and Idylwyld Drive, for 2010 construction.



Sharrows, as part of the new Cycling Plan, tell bikes and cars they need to share the road

A Transportation Demand Management strategy is in the works that will examine current modes of transportation – bicycles, walking, buses, and cars – and an implementation plan will be completed in 2011.

Energy Options

Alternative energy options may be available to reduce the City's reliance on carbon-based systems. Very preliminary research indicates that there is a good business case for a wind turbine at the Landfill, a gas-to-electricity project at the Landfill, and a hydropower station on the river at the weir. More detailed investigations are proceeding on these potential projects, which could provide enough power for 6,000 homes and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 120,000 tonnes per year – that's like removing 20,000 vehicles from our roads.

Concerted efforts are made with both new and existing civic buildings and facilities to ensure that they make the most of the energy they use. To assist in water heating, solar thermal panels were installed at Saskatoon Light & Power's Operations Centre in 2009. All new civic facilities constructed (Access Transit storage facility), under construction (Fire Hall #8) and planned (new Saskatoon Police Service Headquarters) will be constructed under LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

New Approaches to Neighbourhoods

Approved in 2009, the new Evergreen neighbourhood will be a sustainable neighbourhood northeast of the University of Saskatchewan. Evergreen will feature an integrated linear park trail system within the neighbourhood with outside connections to other neighbourhoods, a "green" bridge linking the two sides of the neighbourhood over an arterial road, as well as a village centre and village square. Sixty percent of the single-family lots in Evergreen will be oriented to maximize solar energy options. Lots in Evergreen will go on sale in 2010.



The concept plan for the new neighbourhood of Evergreen

Core Strategy: Community Safety

Optimize the safety and security of our community.

The sod was turned in late summer 2009 for Fire Hall #8 in the Lakewood Suburban Centre, with completion scheduled for fall 2010. Its strategic location will allow this hall to meet the national four-minute response time standard for the neighbourhood it serves, and contribute to the eight-minute full first alarm response for the east side of the river.



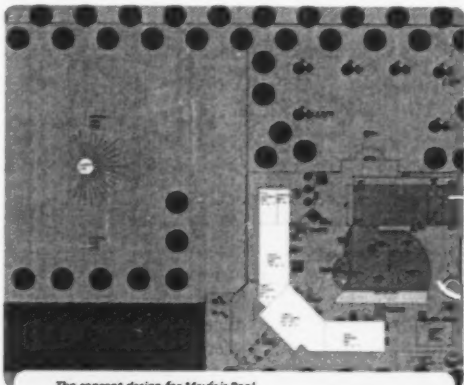
The construction of the new Fire Hall #8

The Saskatoon Police Service's new Crime Free Multi-Housing Coordinator worked closely with other departments to implement a proactive crime-prevention initiative that focused on partnerships, training, communication protocols, and property management standards to reduce the level of illegal and nuisance activity at rental properties.

Core Strategy: Community Development

Enable active community-based participation in issue and problem identification, and resolution.

Concept designs for the future of Mayfair Pool were presented to the community in 2009, as there is a risk for further infrastructure deterioration on the 50-year old pool. Detailed design work of the community's preferred concept plan will be complete in 2010 and construction will follow in 2011.

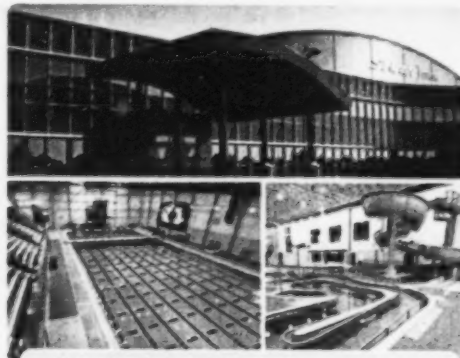


The concept design for Mayfair Pool

Sod was turned in June 2009 on the site of Pleasant Hill Village, Saskatchewan's largest neighbourhood renewal project. In addition to redevelopment of deteriorated single-family homes, Pleasant Hill will have a new elementary school and community centre, seniors' housing complex, and park space in the heart of the neighbourhood. Site development is already underway and construction began in 2010.

The Shaw Centre, Saskatoon's sixth leisure centre and one of the finest facilities of its kind in Canada, officially opened on September 26, 2009. It features a 10-lane high performance competitive pool with springboard and platform towers, a six-lane warm up pool, a family pool with a water

slide and water features, adult and family hot tubs, two-level fitness centre, three-lane walking track, multipurpose rooms, child minding rooms, and a cafeteria. The Shaw Centre is the result of an innovative collaboration between the City of Saskatoon, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, and Saskatoon Public Schools. This world-class facility not only serves the recreational needs of residents, but makes our city a top contender for national and international swimming and diving competitions.



The new Shaw Centre and its various pools

A community-wide Culture Plan and Strategy for Saskatoon is in the early stages. In Phase I, research consultants conducted an audit and analysis to capture a detailed picture of the current arts and heritage issues, policies, programs, and systems within our city. Phase II consisted of a consultation with over 100 arts and cultural stakeholders in March 2010. Phase III involves a Culture Plan Forum in the fall of 2010 to review and discuss vision, principles, and strategic directions, with a draft plan due in winter 2011.

In 2010, a Community Visioning initiative Saskatoon Speaks will launch that will help to provide ideas and input from residents as we plan for the next 50 to 75 years. The hope is that this initiative will capture a diversity of ideas, aspirations, and dreams for the future of Saskatoon. This feedback can then be molded into a strategic plan that sets our city on a path for the creation of a vibrant and sustainable future.

Saskatoon Speaks City Summit
September 29, 2010 – evening kick-off
October 1 and 2 (repeat), 2010 – all day



The Saskatoon Speaks City Summit is the major event that will bring everyone together to shape our future. The evening of September 29th will feature Peter Marsbridge, host of CBC's The National, as the keynote speaker as well as an inspiring panel of local speakers, to discuss contemporary issues facing growing cities and how citizen involvement is crucial in ensuring Saskatoon remains a great place to live for years to come.

The following two days, October 1st and 2nd, will be a series of presentations and round table discussions to explore Saskatoon's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities from the community's perspective. The afternoon discussions will be shaped around certain themes such as growth, mobility, the economy, the environment, and an inclusive, welcoming and safe community.

Register for the Saskatoon Speaks City Summit
Call: (306) 657-8717; Click: saskatoonspeaks.com;
Email: saskatoonspeaks@saskatoon.ca

Space is limited, so make sure you register early!

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Mendel Art Gallery

2009 was a banner year. Attendance was up, with more than 171,000 visitors. Standout exhibitions included Joni Mitchell's Green Flag Song, Dorothy Knowles: Land Marks, and the James Henderson historical retrospective. The Mendel toured five exhibitions provincially; one nationally. Eleven publications were produced.

More than 1,500 people attended exhibition talks and other events. In-school mentorships and other public programs brought the visual arts beyond the Gallery. The SaskTel Mendel Art Caravan attracted more than 5,200 participants at 82 local events.



First Nations musician and storyteller Joseph Naytowah performing a drum ceremony at the opening reception for James Henderson, Write Owapi Wicasa, on September 25, 2009.

Folio, the Gallery's quarterly newsletter, was redesigned. The Mendel used social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Website traffic at www.mendel.ca increased.

On November 30, 2009, City Council approved in principle the development of the Art Gallery of Saskatchewan (AGS) at River Landing. This launched a process that will lead to the opening of the new gallery in 2014. Building on the legacy established by Fred Mendel in 1964, the AGS will be significantly larger. This will facilitate better display of the Permanent Collection (now consisting of 5,666 works) and the attraction of more touring exhibitions. The Mendel Art Gallery has committed to a capital fundraising campaign, led by Saskatoon lawyer Doug Hodson.

Saskatoon Public Library

Saskatoon Public Library started another chapter of its history last summer when the doors swung open to its newest branch, The Library on 20th Street. Residents in Riversdale, Pleasant Hill, King George, Westmount and Caswell Hill are now enjoying more accessible library service. Saskatoon Public Library leases the building from Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, which also constructed an affordable housing project on the site. The new library branch serves nine schools and a population of over 16,000. Library staff are working closely with community organizations to deliver programs, services, electronic resources and reading materials that promote literacy and improve quality of life. There are now a total of seven public library branches in Saskatoon, as well as a central library.



A group art project at the grand opening celebrations for The Library on 20th Street Branch. - Saskatoon Public Library photo

Another highlight of 2009 was the migration to a new single integrated library computer system. Saskatoon Public Library went live with the new system in mid-December. By the end of

2010, all public libraries in Saskatchewan, plus Provincial Library, will be using the new system. The "one province, one library card" initiative is unprecedented in scope and size in Canada.

In 2009, the number of city residents holding active library cards increased to 72.56 per cent, up 3.73 per cent in 2008.

TCU Place

TCU Place, Saskatoon's Premier Convention Centre is recognized for a variety of live theatre, cultural events, banquets and local, provincial, national, and international conferences.

2009 Highlights: TCU Place hosted a total of 615 events including theatre, banquets, conventions, meetings and tradeshows. The Sid Buckwold Theatre was extremely busy in 2009 featuring entertainment for every age group and taste - shows like Diana Krall, John Pinette, Johnny Reid, Xavier Rudd, Gerry Dee, Russell Peters, Rodney Carrington, John Mayall, Jann Arden and Chantal Kreviazuk, Doodlebops, and Backyardigans to name a few.

The Broadway Shows included Disney's High School Musical, Chicago, Cats, Annie, A Chorus



The musical Chicago at TCU Place.

Line, Stomp, and Jesus Christ Superstar. Ballet productions included The Fiddler & the Drum, Moscow Ballet, and Moulin Rouge. The Symphony was strong with 8 shows in 2009. In addition, President George W. Bush visited Saskatoon in October 2009. Saskatoon was one of only three stops he made in Canada.

On the convention side, TCU Place hosted 44 conferences and 156 banquets including special events like Silverspoon, who invited Rick Mercer to be part of their event, SYFE who brought in Gene Simmons, and WRLA who booked Burton Cummings and Matt Dusk for their event. Premier Festival was another success and is an annual event organized by TCU Place. This popular event allows attendees to sample fine wines, spirits and specialty foods during a three day event.

Credit Union Centre

In preparation for the World Junior Hockey tournament, Credit Union Centre underwent major renovations in 2009. Seating was expanded at the open end on both levels taking hockey capacity to 14,670. In addition, new Blades offices and dressing room were added, and a new score clock and LED ribbon installed. This became the first facility in Canada to host the World Junior Hockey Championships twice.

The Western Hockey League's hard working Saskatoon Blades had another successful year to the delight of their fans.

2009 was the highest grossing concert season in history, featuring: Jeff Dunham, So You Think You Can Dance Canada, Brad Paisley, The Eagles, Beyonce, Nickelback, New Kids On The Block, Neil Young, Sugarland, Leonard Cohen, Celtic Thunder, Montgomery Gentry, Billy Graham Jr, Bill Gaither & Friends, John Fogarty, Flo Rida, Firestorm Mac, Bachman Cummings, Green Day, Blink 182, Daniel O'Donnell, Keith Urban, Blue Man Group, The Wiggles, Akon, Kiss, Dane Cook, ZZ Top, and Three Days Grace.



The Eagles in concert at Credit Union Centre.

Local, annual events such as Motorsports Spectacular, Taste of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Stampede Pro Rodeo, FSIN Pow Wow, and tradeshows - Man Show, Woman's World, and Sundog Arts & Entertainment Faire are consistently popular. Last year saw the end of an era with the admirable Canada Remembers International Air Show staged for the last time.

Saskatoon Police Service

The Saskatoon Police Service and the City of Saskatoon saw a downward trend in crime in 2009 which can be attributed to the strategies of restructuring, increased accessibility to the three geographical district inspectors, and adopting a CompStat model of crime analysis (computerized or comparative statistics).

In 2009 there was a 7% decrease in crimes against the person compared to 2008. Within these incidents, 60% were attributed to assaults. Although the frequency of crimes has decreased, the degree of violence has seen an increase. There was a 70% decrease in the number of attempted murders from 2008.

In contrast, there was a 4% increase in crimes against property with 36% of the crimes being thefts under \$5000. However, the most significant increase (58%) was seen among other types of break and enters such as those not involving residences or businesses. There was also a 23% decrease in the number of business break and enters.

The number of drug related offences decreased by 4% since 2008. There was an 88% increase in the number of drug production incidents, but further analysis indicated that the largest percentage of these incidents was attributed to the cultivation of cannabis.



SPS's newest member Sarge, is sworn in.

The data on traffic offences indicated a steady increase in the number of collisions since 2005, but only a minor increase of 2% from 2008 to 2009. The number of tickets issued has increased 11% during the same time period.

In 2010, the Service has goals of reducing street crime, increasing traffic safety and enforcement, reducing response times, diffusing public disorder, and increasing police-public liaison in an effort to increase citizens' satisfaction with the Saskatoon Police Service. The 2009 goal of reducing our citizens' perception that crime is the number one issue facing the city has been superseded as indicated by the drop from a high of 35% in 2006 to 16% in 2009.